

across the country. It's time to correct the error in OBRA '90, and I hope we will pass this bill today and the Senate will complete the process quickly so that the legislation can be signed by the President soon.

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUNDERSON). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1791, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BILIRAKIS. I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1791, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

EXTENDING CERTAIN PROGRAMS UNDER ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4083) to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1997.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4083

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS.

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended—

(1) by amending section 166 (42 U.S.C. 6246) to read as follows:

"AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 166. There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1997 such sums as may be necessary to implement this part.":

(2) in section 181 (42 U.S.C. 6251) by striking "June 30, 1996" both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1997";

(3) by adding at the end of section 256(h) (42 U.S.C. 6276(h)) "There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1997 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this part."; and

(4) in section 281 (42 U.S.C. 6285) by striking "June 30, 1996" both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1997";

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] and the gentleman from New York [Mr. MANTON] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER].

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. SCHAEFER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, this bill reauthorizes certain provisions contained in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act for 1 fiscal year. Specifically, this bill assures that if there is an energy emergency when Congress adjourns, the President's authority to drawdown the strategic petroleum reserve and the ability of U.S. oil companies to participate in the International Energy Agreement without violating antitrust laws is preserved.

The Commerce Committee believes annual reauthorization of these provisions is appropriate as long as the reserve continues to be looked to as a budget balancing tool. For the past 2 years, I have been greatly troubled by the trend of selling oil from the strategic petroleum reserve to meet budgetary goals. When the first sale was authorized, over the objections of the Commerce Committee, we were told it would be a one time sale. Less than 1 year later a second, even larger sale was authorized. And a third sale is currently being considered.

The reserve was not intended to be used in such a manner and is not an effective tool for balancing the budget. The reserve is our first line of defense in an energy emergency. This energy security insurance policy for which we have paid over \$200 billion should not be squandered carelessly to meet short-term budgetary objectives. I urge my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee as they prepare a continuing resolution to resist the temptation to use this strategic oil reserve which is so vital to our national security as a cash reserve.

Finally, I believe these provisions of EPCA are too important for us to adjourn without reauthorizing them. While an energy emergency which would require the reserve to be drawdown while we are adjourned is unlikely, it is not impossible. Consider the implications on our energy security of the recent terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia and the Iraqi aggressions into the no-fly zones. I believe this Nation must have the ability to use all its tools to deal with an energy emergency so I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be here to support H.R. 4083, which reauthorizes the Energy Policy and Conservation Act for 1 year. This bill has been handled in a bipartisan manner, and was reported from the Commerce Committee on a voice vote. I know of no objection to it from this side of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, I support the reauthorization of EPCA because it will ensure that the United States and industry are able to fulfill their respective duties in any oil-related emergency. Recent events in the Middle East have underscored, once again, how quickly circumstances can change, and the need for the United States to be self-sufficient during periods of instability.

I want to thank Chairman BLILEY and Chairman SCHAEFER for bringing this important bill to the House floor. The Democrats on the Commerce Committee strongly support their efforts to ensure that the strategic petroleum reserve is used for its intended purpose and not, as some have attempted, sold off for deficit reduction. EPCA is important to our country's economic and energy security, and I am pleased to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I just want to say that I appreciate the gentleman from New York [Mr. MANTON] and also the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE], my ranking member, and the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. DINGELL] for moving this very, very rapidly as we tail into the end of our session, because it is very important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SCHAEFER] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4083.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 4083.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

RELATING TO EXTRADITION OF MARTIN PANG FROM BRAZIL

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 132) relating to the extradition of Martin Pang from Brazil to the United States, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 132

Whereas it is alleged that Martin Pang intentionally started a warehouse fire in Seattle, Washington on January 5, 1995, that killed four firefighters;

Whereas shortly thereafter Martin Pang fled to Brazil from where he was extradited to the United States on March 1, 1996;

Whereas the extradition decision of the Supreme Court of Brazil states that Martin Pang should stand trial in the United States only for arson and not for felony murder; and

Whereas it is accepted international practice in extradition cases for the executive authorities of the requested state to grant consent for prosecution of offenses other than those for which the fugitive was extradited: Now, therefore, be it